

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL**

Case No.	2:23-cv-04300-SVW-E	Date	February 6, 2024
Title	<i>The Tolkien Trust et al. v. Demetrious Polychron</i>		

Present: The Honorable STEPHEN V. WILSON, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Paul M. Cruz

N/A

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

N/A

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**Proceedings:** ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO HOLD DEFENDANT IN CONTEMPT [50]

Plaintiffs The Tolkien Trust and The Tolkien Estate Ltd. filed a motion to hold Defendant Demetrious Polychron in contempt of Court on January 12, 2024. ECF No. 50. The matter was set for hearing on February 5, 2024, at 1:30 PM. All parties failed to appear. Pursuant to Local Rule 7-14, Plaintiffs' motion is DENIED for failure to appear. L.R. 7-14 ("Failure of any counsel to appear, unless excused by the Court in advance pursuant to L.R. 7-15 or otherwise, may be deemed consent to a ruling upon the motion adverse to that counsel's position."); *see also Do v. Arch Ins. Co.*, No. 8:20-CV-02105-FLA-ADSx, 2021 WL 4538402, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 128705, at \*2 (C.D. Cal. June 28, 2021) (deeming defense counsel's failure to appear for hearing on defendant's motion to be a consent to denial of the motion).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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